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The Boy Scouts of America are to be commended for their 51st anniversary slogan. The impact and meaning of these four words are typical of Scouting and should inspire the rest of us. "Strengthen America - - Character Counts!"

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We are proud of the 1,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers of our Powhatan Arrow District, Piedmont Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, and the 350 fine volunteer leaders who work with them. Here character is being built.

We can help. Let us strengthen our Boy Scout program.

THE MIRACLE OF RAIN

Although man has made amazing scientific achievements, Nature still puts on the greatest show on earth and exhibits miracles, every day, which put man's best efforts to shame.

Some people fail to recognize the miracles which occur around them every day. For example, take the occurence of rain, upon which event the hopes of millions of farmers, and others, are hinged.

A farmer, with a hundred acres of planted crops, must have, of all things, a plentiful supply of water. If he receives a rainfall of one inch, which often occurs during the planting season, Nature has dropped 2,714,300 gallons of water on his crops. And Nature can accomplish this in just a few minutes.

Scientists, who attempt to compute the tremendous forces involved in such an operation as a heavy rain, are constantly amazed at the power of Nature and the ease and gentleness in which she usually does her job. If the reader will think about it, he too will be constantly amazed at the miracles which take place about him every day, which are accepted as common-place occurences.

Terrorists explosions kill eight in Algerian town.

A million in India hail Queen Elizabeth on visit.

GERMANY OFFERS HELP

Ironically, as the wheel of fortune seems to have now turned full circle, the West German Government is offering to help the United States maintain the stability of the dollar by extending financial aid to Washington.

What Bonn has offered is to pay back over $600,000,000 in money extended Germany immediately after World War II and which is not due to be paid in full until 1987, via the installment process.

The West Germans have also offered to buy more military supplies in the United States and to slightly increase their part of the cost of maintaining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. But they have not offered to do as the United States had hoped the Germans would.

And Bonn has asked that if it pays back the $600,000,000, ahead of schedule, that almost a third of that sum, something under $200,000,000, be cancelled as part of the total debt. West Germany now owes the United States over $800,000,000 on the original $1,000,000,000 — which was to be repaid (The United States expended an additional $2,000,000,000 which was a grant, not a loan, for the rebuilding of West Germany.)

The point which irks some Americans is that the United States seized assets of Germans in this country worth something less than$200,000,000 during the war and the Germans now propose to take this into account in paying their $1,000,000,000 debt ahead of schedule and to gain a settlement of this while repaying the debt.

The Germans have an argument, as does this country, legally, in the assets seizure question. But they are heavily indebted to the United States for the aid which has been forthcoming since World War II. Their offer disappointed some, who think West Germany should do more, but it is the best offer the United States has had — to help redress the dollar balance and it should be welcomed in Washington.

Self-Control and Happiness

The peace and happiness of the average citizen does not depend upon the amount of money he or she possess, the number of organizations to which he or she belongs, or the outcome of any great social struggle.

The contentment that makes for human happiness is within the reach of every individual who is able to face life with a philosophy that solves personal problems. The acceptance and practice of religious tenets often provides the answer, whether these religious beliefs are adopted as an individual or as a member of some religious organization.

The capacity of the individual for self-control, however, is a real key to happiness and contentment. It is a product that you cannot buy, or receive as a gift.

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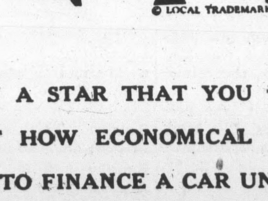
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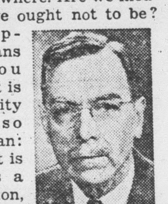
Light of the World

Lesson for February 12, 1961

TIMID Christians, especially nowadays, sometimes wonder if we haven't set our sights too high. Missionaries have had to leave China and parts of Africa; they have had a hard time in sections of India, and elsewhere. Are we meddling where we ought not to be? Intelligent Japanese Christians will tell you frankly why it is that Christianity has grown so slowly in Japan: it is because it is regarded as a western religion, an importation, and to be a Christian is (in the eyes of millions of Japanese) to be unpatriotic.



Dr. Foreman

Wouldn't it be better, some American church members say, if we just recognized that the Japanese are right, Christianity is a western religion, it suits America and maybe Europe, so let's cultivate it here and leave Asia to the Asiatics?

Bold From Birth

The cure for such timid Christians is a good look at the New Testament, and at history. Take the history first. The Christian religion did not start as a western religion; it began in Asia. It had its roots in the Jewish religion, and that also was a religion of Asia. One of the big questions that stirred the early church was: Can the Christian religion take in non-Jews? In other words, can the Christian religion be acceptable in Rome, Spain, Germany, Britian? Nobody thought about Britian at first, to be sure; and when Christian missionaries first went there it was dangerous in the extreme. But they went. There were timid Christians then as now, satisfied with Christianity as a home-town religion. But there were also bold Christians, far-sighted Christians, and with or without the backing of the whole church they went, in time, over the wide world. Christianity today is the one world-wide religion. Our nearest rival has less than half the number of adherents that Christianity has.

Light of the World

All this was not an accident, not an after-thought. Jesus himself though a loyal Jew had a world-vision. He called himself the Light of the World. This was a kind of divine audacity. It didn't look like it in his lifetime. There he was, off in a very obscure corner of the world, without one single follower who could have been called "distinguished." The intellectual and economic and political centers of the world were elsewhere. There was no religious vacuum for a new religion to fill. There was no welcome-mat at the world's front door when Christianity began to knock. But Jesus called himself, all the same, the Light of the World.

Jesus could rightly say this. The light he came to bring, the light he personally was, is different from all other lights. It is a light from God and also a light on God. Jesus is God-making-himself-known. A well-known atheist said he would believe in God on one condition: "Trot him out and let me see him do something." Well, a "god" who could be trotted out would not be God at all; but as for doing something, Christ is what God has done, he is what God has said.

How He Shines

Jesus said, also, to his friends and followers: You are the light of the world. This is no contradiction. He shines through those who share his spirit and his service. Through the gradual Christianizing of society, through the freedom and dignity that has come to those who have entered the Christian way; through every school and church and hospital and orphanage that works in his name and service; through the preaching of the Word in the languages of the world; through the day-by-day living of genuine Christians, the light of Christ shines every day around the world. "Christianity is possible only in a nation of Christs," said a famous non-Christian, G. B. Shaw. He was more right than he knew; it is precisely the "nation of Christs" that is our aim everywhere. Lights in small corners are good so far as they go; but Christ sets out to be the Light of the World.

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Washington Notes

No Tax Revision

The chairman of the House Ways and Means committee said the income tax may be revised during the Kennedy Administration, — but not this year.

In an interview, Representative Mills (D.-Ark.) said that if the income tax is revised it will take a long time.

White House Lady Doctor

Dr. Janet G. Travell, of New York may be the next White House Physician.

Dr. Travell is credited with curing the President of severe back trouble which bothered him for a number of years, and Kennedy is reported enthusiastic about her abilities.

There has never been a woman in the post. It has been 40 years since a non-service doctor has been selected as White House Physician.

U. S. FOOD-FOR-PEACE

President Kennedy has moved toward expanding the nation's food-for-peace programs so it will "narrow the gap between abunandance at home and near starvation abroad."

Packaged Aged Plan

The United States Chamber of Commerce has proposed package retirement programs financed during working years as the best way of providing medical care for the aged.

The social security approach, Arthur H. Motley, chamber president said, "would require boosting social security taxes to a point where people might rebel against the whole social security system."

Japan's Aid Debt

The United States is disturbed by what is regarded as foot-dragging by the Japanese Government in reaching a settlement of Tokyo's post-war foreign aid debt.

The account is nearly $2,000,000,000. Not only has Japan paid nothing on the account, she has not even offered to make a settlement similar to the one agreed to by West Germany in 1953.

Buys Food For Needy

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman announced that the Government will buy meat, other items to provide greater variety in the program of food for nations for the needy.

Foods to be bought will be canned pork and gravy, dried pea beans, and dried whole solids.

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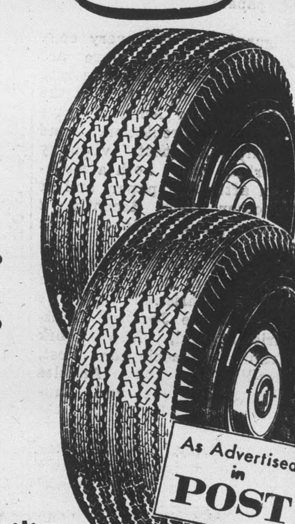

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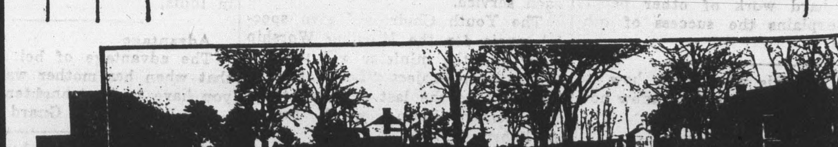

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Homemakers Items

What's ahead clothes-wise for this spring?

Miss Margaret Groseclose, clothing specialist at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has summarized the clothes news for fashion-conscious homemakers. She says:

The collarless line or the band neckline detail is a fashion keynote for spring. The full silhouette coat and the collarless easy-line suit promise to be favorites.

The cape influence is seen in deep armholes, dolman sleeves, and short loose sleeves.

Narrower coats with semi-fit fronts and eased, gently full backs will compete with full coats for popularity. Some will be tailored and straight with back belts. The dressy coat will feature short wide sleeves and a silhouette that stands away from the body.

Suits skirts have new interest. Many will have simulated culotte pleats and seams. Some will have soft gathers at the waist. The suit plus the overblouse, and the coat plus the dress or skirt, will be popular.

Hemlines will be about two inches below the knee. However, three inches may be the becoming length for some women.

In dresses, two and three-piece ensembles with over-blouses set the pace. Contrasting jackets in prints, plaids, and solid colors are being used in costume suits . The contemporary look in spring outfits is highlighted by sleeveless dresses and easy-fitting over-blouses.

Miss Groseclose also has this to say about fabrics and colors: Yardage will be available in colors coordinating plain and fancy weaves, knits, prints, and solid colors. Shocking pink, copenhagen and cornflower blues, violet and lilac, grass greens, rosy red, and sun golds are colors which promise to stand out against the background of black and white, beige and grey.

Many 1961 prints have fancy weaves. Fashions center on small weaves with texture to add depth to colors and form the patterns. Shadow stripes, cord, and twill will be used in printed silks and fabric blends as well as in cottons.

Turbans made in strawcloth resembling knits, woven fabric, or frothy chiffon will be worn.

The newest look conforms to the contours of the head. Saliors, large and small, will be worn tilted or level-headed. The cloche is still good. Brims will have a new look, up-swept in back or on the side, and dipping in profile. Watch for small hats perched forward on a side tilt. Rounder crowns will be a part of the trend toward more shallow shapes.

Large vertical pins worn on costume suits and coats will be among the oftenseen jewelry. Sleeeveless dresses will provide a chance for bracelets on the bare arm.. Collarless or stand-away necklines need big, bold, bib-type necklaces. Big buttons, either round flat ones or large oval ones, will add interest to many costumes.

BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

Ringgold, Ga.- As a usual thing, the sheriff of a semi-rural county does a lot of things in the line of duty. Recently he was put to a test by a call from a woman.

Sheriff J. D. Stewart was told that her husband was off somewhere and her six children were running around in the front yard without clothes and would he come and make them put on their clothes.

The sheriff thought a few minutes and told her he was not going to do it.

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Rocks

Rocks, Feb. 6.- Due to snow, the school was closed again on Friday. The children enjoyed much sleigh riding.

Several from here called to see the Rev. W. M. Black at his home last week. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Childress were in Pamplin Tuesday afternoon.

A number from here attended the annual W. M. U. meeting, at Burkeville Baptist Church Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge went to Kenbridge Wednesday night to express sympathy to Mrs. John Rush and daughter in the death of Mr. Rush.

Kermit Paulette entered the Va. Baptist Hospital last week.

Walter Shelton, Jr. was rushed to a hospital in Lynchburg Sunday.

Mrs. Otis Richardson and Miss Irma Lee Shelton and Mrs. Joe Almond were visiting Walter Shelton, Jr. today at the hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder and family left last Sunday for Arlington to attend the funeral of his aunt on Monday. They returned home last Monday night.

The home demonstration club held its February meeting with Mrs. Walter Ranson on Thursday night. It was very cold, but the attendance was good.

Mrs. Rhomy Wilson entertained with a birthday dinner Sunday for her sister, Mrs. James Thackston.

Mr. and Mrs. Aulden Roach and Cynthia spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson, of Roanoke were Saturday night guests of her mother, Mrs. Kate Dinkins.

Mrs. L. C. Elder was the supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ranson Wednesday night.

Misses Mary Edith and Ruth Ranson spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson.

We hear Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore have left Texas, and are in Illinois, visiting their daughter, Betty and her family.

Little James Martin is still sick.

Sympathy is extended the Burnette families in the death of their mother.

The Rev. W. C. Hughes was a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Coleman over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette visited recently with the families of Mr. and Mrs. John Scruggs and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scruggs.

Miss Nancy Morgan and Charles Morgan, of Buckingham, Miss Faye Thornhill, Mr. and Mrs. Don Thornhill and Johnny Sperry had an enjoyable evening sleigh riding Monday evening.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Feb. 7.- Mrs. Henry Stanley, Jr. entertained with a birthday dinner at her home Sunday, in honor of her mother, Mrs. Sam Thornhill. Those present, including the hostess and honoree, were Mr. Sam Thornhill, Mr. Henry Stanley, Jr., Wayne and Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. Don Thornhill, and Donnie, Miss Faye Thornhill, Mrs. Bill Sperry, Wendy and Johnnie, Mrs. Mildred Mann and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wootton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones and family were visitors Sunday of Mrs. Mildred Mann.

"OPERATION WILDLIFE" MOVIE TO BE SHOWN AT PAMPLIN FARMERS' CLASS

The movie "Operation Wildlife," filmed in color in Virginia, will be shown at the Pamplin Farmers Evening Class on Thursday night, February 9. This group meeting in the Pamplin School, at 7:30 P. M. Mr. George A. Harrison, of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries plans to meet with the group to discuss the topic, "Conservation of Wildlife."

"Producing Quality Tobacco" will be the topic discussed by County Agent James A. Smith at the meeting on Thursday, February 16th. Other meetings planned for the near future are: "Producing Small Grains," by W. Lewis Motley, Vocational Agriculture Instructor for Appomattox High School, on February 23; "Producing Small Fruits" by H. Bruce Aroian, of the V. P. I. Horticuture Department, on March 2; and a Forestry Marking Demonstration to be held on a date to be announced later.

Blade In Boy's Throat

Chipley, Fla.- A slim injector razor blade was found in the throat of James Gerald Worthington, 6, who had suffered from respiratory ailments and lung infections.

The youth probably swallowed the blade about two years ago, but it went undetected until recently when he was admitted to a Chipley hospital for treatment of pneumonia.

It was removed by surgery, and the hospital authorities said the boy is recovering satisfactorily.

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